



**Pompano Beach
Fire Rescue**

**FIRE ADMINISTRATION
MEMO # 23-A052**

To: Greg Harrison, City Manager
From: Chad Brocato, Fire Chief
Date: 09/06/23
Re: Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Agreement

Please find attached to this memorandum a letter of agreement (LOA) for our annual participation in the PEMT program. Every year we must facilitate entering into the LOA and providing an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) in an amount that varies annually by the number of Medicaid emergency medical transportations that occurred. The amount cannot be quantified until the details come in from the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration because the number of transports and types of payments vary widely. For example, we will get a higher level of reimbursement this year from the managed care portion of the PEMT program because there is currently a state and federal push to move patients into managed care.

There are two parts to the participation in this program, one is standard Medicaid reimbursement while the other includes payments from managed care organizations. The latter is typically much higher in terms of reimbursement. For every dollar provided for the IGT, the city realizes roughly 1.5 times return from the federal share that is available. The estimated IGT amount for next fiscal year is \$777,660.17. That estimate typically varies 5% to 7% up or down each year. Paying the IGT for next year will result in receiving a federal net share of over \$1.16 million.

The attached agreement is for our participation for next year's program. What often causes confusion is the timing of receiving the LOA combined with the



timing of when the IGT transfer occurs. For instance, we are now handling the actual IGT for the current fiscal year while processing the attached LOA for the future fiscal year. We can reduce or eliminate the confusion by understanding that the current and future year reimbursements are all handled at the same time of year. This process is likely not going to change anytime in the foreseeable future as there must be coordination at the state, federal, and municipal levels. These facts help to underscore why we work with a consultant to ensure that our participation is well coordinated and in line with the state and federal laws for Medicaid reimbursement.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

